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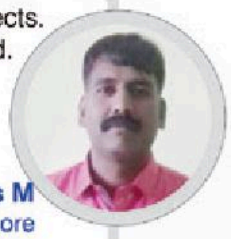

Mr. James M
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"We believe comment is free, but facts are sacred."
Editor-in-Chief: K.B. GANAPATHY B.A; B.L.
Mysuru, Sunday 31st December 2017

One-week FDP on 'Instructional Design and Delivery'

Mysuru, Dec.31- NIE Institute of Technology, Mysuru, is organising a one-week FDP on "Instructional Design and Delivery" (A Pedagogical Training) from Jan. 1 to 5 at its Sri Shankaracharya Bhavana, NIE-IT, Koorgalli.

The FDP aims to enhance the delivery skills, to understand the classroom dynamic and to improve practical knowledge with hands-on sessions.

S.L. Ramachandra, Director, NIE, will be the chief guest. Dr. K.S.A Dinesh Kumar, Assistant Professor, Department of Civil Engineering, NITTTR, Chennai, Dr. V. Shanmughaneethi, Assistant Professor, Department of Computer Science and Engineering, NITTTR, Chennai, will be the guests of honour. G.S Ramachandra, Hon. Secretary, NIE, will preside. Dr.T. Anantha-padmanabha, Principal, NIE-IT, will be present.

Qualify for KVPY exam

Akanksh *Arun Kumar* *Riya Pearl*

Mysuru, Dec. 31- The following II PU students of SANKALPA - Gopalaswamy PU College, S. Arun Kumar, Riya Pearl Menezes and Akanksh A. Manjunath, have qualified for the Kishore Vaigyanik Protsahan Yojana (KVPY), a National-level Scholarship Exam, conducted by IISc.

EDITOR'S BOTTOMLINE

If five thousand rich people who have all created wealth individually are together, they can create wealth a million-fold. Their standard will not go lower; their standard could go even higher. Or they can start sharing. They can start inviting people who are not rich but who are creative in some other way, who will enhance the life of their commune although they may be poor.

Creative communes: ***Five thousand rich people, together with their genius for creating wealth, are capable of creating so much wealth that they can invite thousands of other people who may not be rich in the sense of being wealthy, but who may be rich as painters, poets, dancers, singers.***

What are you going to do only with wealth? You cannot play music on money; you cannot dance just because you have so much cash in the bank. And these rich communes can start becoming bigger, absorbing more and more creative people. They can make beautiful places all around the world, and slowly, new people can be absorbed.

For example, you will need plumbers, however rich you may be; you will need mechanics; technicians; you will need shoemakers. Invite them – and they come to you not as servants, but as members of the commune. They will be enriching the commune doing whatever they can do the best. And it is the commune's duty to raise those people to the same standard of life. *— Osho in The Times of India*

NEWS SPARKLERS

Man to divorce wife for video game

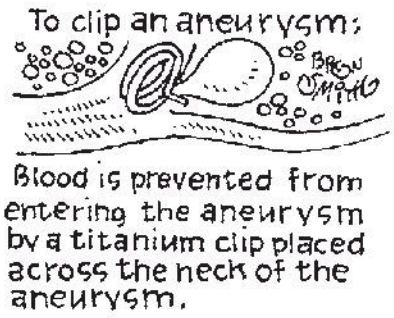
Kuala Lumpur: Tencent's insanely popular mobile video game "King of Glory" is once again getting some bad publicity in Asian media, after allegedly getting one 25-year-old Malaysian man so addicted that he decided to divorce his wife because she sold his account in the hopes that he would spend more time with her and their daughter. The unnamed couple, both 25, fell in love six years ago, though she was a Chinese national, she agreed to move to Malaysia for him. They got married and lived happily until 2 years ago, when 'King of Glory' was released. The husband got addicted to play somuch that he started completely ignoring his wife and daughter. It all became unable to bear a few days ago, after yet another of her husband's late night gaming marathons. When he went to sleep, she grabbed his phone and sold his account online. When the Kuala Lumpur man realised that he is no longer log into King of Glory any more, enraged he told her that he would divorce her for it. He also asked her to leave Malaysia and return to China.

Fairytale dresses out of leftovers

North Carolina: Most people throw away torn gift wrap as soon as they open their Christmas presents, but not Olivia Mears. The 26-year-old costume designer from North Carolina uses the colourful junk to create Disney princess-like dresses. Mears is famous for turning unconventional materials into stunning outfits. Back in 2015, she went viral online for a "Taco Belle" dress inspired by Belle's yellow gown from Beauty and the Beast. Keeping the Taco Bell theme going, she created a dress exclusively out of Taco Bell wrappers, then a "Pizarella" dress shaped like a giant pizza, made of Pabst Blue Ribbon beer packaging, and even a toilet paper dress. But her torn gift wrap gowns are probably the most impressive. Olivia Mears said about her first gift wrap dress she created in 2014. "Each dress has a separate petticoat underneath for comfort and support," Mears told A Plus. "That helps keep the dress on. The back of each dress laces up, made possible with several coats of paper-mâché."

HEALTH CAPSULE by Bron Smith

What is an aneurysm?


To clip an aneurysm;
Blood is prevented from entering the aneurysm by a titanium clip placed across the neck of the aneurysm.

An aneurysm is a weak spot in an artery wall that balloons out. In time, an aneurysm may rupture, causing a haemorrhagic stroke. High blood pressure can increase the risk of stroke.

**Health Capsules is not intended to be of a diagnostic nature.*

National Energy Conservation Day celebrated at IEI

Guest speaker Anil Kumar being felicitated by IEI Chairman M. Chinnaswamy, Hon. Secretary B.V. Ravindranath and Karnataka Renewable Energy Development Limited, Project Engineer and IEI Programme Convenor D.K. Dinesh Kumar.

Mysuru, Dec. 31- Rachana Energy Care Managing Director Anil Kumar has expressed concern over global warming due to generation of power from thermal power plant.

He was speaking at the National Energy Conservation Day organised by Karnataka Renewable Energy Development Limited (KREDL) at the Mysuru Local Centre of the Institution of Engineers (India) here recently and said government is promoting greater use of Renewable Energy and at the same time shifting towards supercritical technologies for coal-based power Plants.

He explained the importance of National Energy Conservation Day and also Energy Conservation Act 2001 highlights and said, "The Importance of Energy Conservation was realised by the world in the aftermath of the oil shocks of 1973 and 1979. For this Central Government felt the need to provide statutory measure to establish statutory authority by the name Bureau of Energy Efficiency (BEE) under Ministry of Power, Government of India. Accordingly, the Energy Conservation Bill was introduced in 52nd Parliamentary on 29th September 2001."

There are various schemes available in BEE to save electricity like Standards and Labelling, Energy Conservation Building Code (ECBC), Demand Side Management Scheme (DSM), Agriculture DSM, Municipal DSM, EE in Small and Medium Enterprises Sector, Designated Consumers, he said.

Really...?

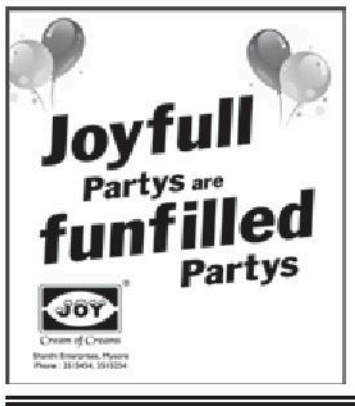
- ***As per records released by The Guinness Book of World Records, India is third in terms of number of records claimed every year in the world. The first two are USA and UK.***

LAUGHTER THE BEST MEDICINE

Couple were out shopping. Wife suddenly remembered that her mother's birthday was coming up. She said, *"Honey, can we look for a birthday present for mom? She wants something electric."* ***Husband said,*** *"Sure, honey. How about a chair?"*

Today's Currency Rate

1 US Dollar	= Rs. 63.85
1 UK Pound	Rs. 86.29
1 UAE Dirham	= Rs. 17.38
1 Euro	= Rs. 76.61



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City Decked Up to Welcome New Year 2018

Spectacular shows at Palace await tourists, citizens for a grand celebration

Mysuru, Dec. 31 (RK,MTY& BCT)- With just hours to go for party-hearties of the city to celebrate the arrival of New Year, the Police Department has been making all efforts to ensure people participate in the celebrations without any hassles.

Almost all of the best hotels have plans to usher in the New Year with the three things that the partygoers love the most — clinking glasses, eating to their heart's content and dancing to blaring music.

The Police have made elaborate arrangements on various routes with special focus on areas where footfall is usually more, like the Mysore Palace premises where a host of events have been lined up.

People queue up at a liquor shop in city this morning to purchase stocks to celebrate arrival of New Year.

Nakabandi to check drunk driving will start at 7 pm today and will continue till the early hours of New Year's Day.

MYSORE PALACE

Mysore Palace will be the centre of attraction with many events being lined up to welcome 2018.

The District Administration that has successfully conducted the Mysuru Winter Festival and the Open Street Festival, has decided to make the most of the prevailing festive atmosphere with stellar attractions.

The Palace Flower Show will be open till 12.30 am and the majestic Palace will be illuminated from 7 pm to 8.30 pm.

(See NEW YEAR on page 8)

Swachh Bharat spirit enters Palace premises

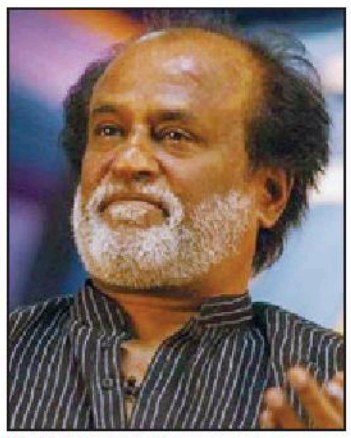
Deputy Commissioner D. Randeep seen picking up garbage as part of the Swachh Bharat Abhiyan at the Mysore Palace premises this morning.

Mysuru, Dec.31 (MTY&NNN)- Led by Deputy Commissioner D. Randeep, members of an NGO and the Pourakarmikas in the presence of Mysore royal family member Pramoda Devi Wadiyar took up the cleaning of the Mysore Palace premises as part of the Swachh Bharat Abhiyan, this morning.

The cleaning of the world famous Palace, which began at 6.30 am and lasted for two hours, was organised by the District Administration, Mysuru City Corporation (MCC) and *Let's Do It! Mysore*.

(See SWACHH on page 8)

Rajinikanth announces entry into politics



'Thalaiva' says it was time to change Govt. and system

Chennai, Dec.31- Tamil superstar Rajinikanth announced his entry into politics this morning, ending months-long suspense which had kept his fans, observers, politicians and fellow film stars on tenterhooks.

He said that he was taking the plunge as politics and governance in Tamil Nadu had become so bad that the State has become a laughing stock. He said it was time to change the government and change the system.

Reacting to the announcement, one of his fans tweeted: "Politics Joins Rajini to Rock Tamil Nadu," while another one said: "Elections will contest Rajinikanth."

Speaking to his fans who trooped into the Raghavendra Marriage Hall in Chennai this morning, Rajinikanth stopped short of announcing a political party, saying only that he would float one at the "appropriate time."

With the announcement, the 'Thalaiva' of Tamil cinema has stirred the political pot in Tamil Nadu, which has been going through a political vacuum since the death of AIADMK leader J. Jayalalithaa last year.

"I did not have political ambitions when I was 45, so will I have it when I'm 68. I am not doing this for any post. I do not come for money or fame, as I have them enough. But the politics has become so bad that rest of the world is laughing at us," the actor said.

NEWS BRIEFS

Workshop for Kannada Professors

Central Institute of Indian Languages (CIIL) has organised a State-level workshop for newly-recruited Kannada Professors from Jan. 1 to 5 at its premises on Hunsur Road here. The workshop will be inaugurated on Jan.1 at 10 am by Karnataka Central University Vice-Chancellor H.M. Maheshwaraiah.

Pratibha Puraskar

City-based Chamarajanagar Zilla Brahmana Balaga, having office at No.1115, JLB Road, Vidyaranyapuram, has invited applications from meritorious children of Brahmin Community members who hail from Chamarajanagar district but settled in Mysuru, for presentation of Prathiba Puraskar. Brahmin community students who have scored above 80 percent marks in SSLC and PUC (2016-17) can apply along with a photocopy of their markscard before Jan.20. For details, contact Mob: 98459-26973 or 86604-35636 or 96204-03061, according to a press release from the Balaga.

Talk on 'Pranayama'

A talk on 'Pranayama' by psychologist Devaki Mahadevan has been organised at Elder Citizen's Council premises in Jayalakshmipuram tomorrow (Jan.1) at 5.30 pm, according to a press release from the Council.

Ph.D awardees of Mysore Varsity

The University of Mysore (UoM) has awarded Ph.D in Food Science and Nutrition to Sowmya Rajashekar for her thesis 'Studies on inflammatory Bio Markers of Cardio Vascular risk inType-2 diabetes mellitus and their nutritional modulation' submitted under the guidance of Dr. Asna Urooj.

B.K. Shivanna has been awarded Ph.D in Statistics for his thesis 'Some contributions to Statistical Inference under Hybrid Censoring' submitted under the guidance of Dr. B.S. Biradar.

P.K. Raghavendra has been awarded Ph.D in Kannada for his thesis 'H.S. Shivaprakash avara Natakagalu' submitted under the guidance of Dr. Akkamahadevi.

Precision farming workshop creates awareness about water usage

Dr. T.N. Prakash Kammardi** (third from left), **Chairman, Agriculture Price Commission, seen with other dignitaries during the inauguration of the workshop on 'Precision Farming' organised by Maharaja Institute of Technology in association with Agriculture Department, GoK, at Naganahalli Research Centre on Dec.29.

Mysuru, Dec.31 (PM&NNN)- Which crop, at what time, requires how much water? To answer this question, Maharaja Institute of Technology (MIT) under Maharaja Research Foundation in association with Agriculture Department, Government of Karnataka, conducted a one-day workshop on 'Precision Farming, a Pilot on Water Conservation' at Naganahalli Research Centre on Dec.29.

Speaking after inaugurating workshop, Dr. T.N. Prakash Kammardi, Chairman, Agriculture Price Commission, said that to answer the question of how much water a farmer needs for his crop, the wireless technology advocated by Dr. Mahesh Rao is very useful.

He said that in the last four years due to drought and untimely rains, the farming community was severely affected. In the current year though pre-monsoon failed, the post-monsoon did help the farmers. In the light of these issues, the wireless technology will definitely help the farmers to use water efficiently.

State-wide precision farming

Maharaja Institute of Technology Electronics and Communications Head Dr. Mahesh Rao-led wireless sensor network has been used for precision farming using temperature and humidity sensing instrument, 'Vispro.' It is an equipment to measure water flow and if this works, then it will be used all over the State through the Commission, said Dr. Kammardi.

Due to falling prices of crops and the resultant losses to farmers, the Government is buying many of them including green gram. Similarly, the State Government had come forward to purchase corn. However, the Government by enforcing a rule that if it purchases corn from the farmers, it has to be distributed to the ration card holders, it did not allow the Central Government to do this, he alleged.

Agriculture Department Joint Director Somasundra said that including Mysuru region, there is drought all over the State since the last three years. However, in Mysuru district in August and September there has been record rainfall. Precision farming means, to look at various stages of development and create conditions for growing good crops, he explained.

In the workshop, nearly 100 farmers from Varuna, Mandya district and Pandavapura limits participated and Vispro equipment was distributed to them for free.

Maharaja Education Trust President Dr. S. Murali, Secretary Dr. T. Vasudev, MIT Professor Dr. Mahesh Rao, District Agriculture Training Centre Assistant Director Shivakumar and others were present during the event.

> *"The State Government of Karnataka has set up the Agriculture Price Commission three years ago, which no other State Government has done. The Commission has fixed fair price for the farmers' crops and also has given several recommendations to the Government regarding issues related to farmers. This year, rate for ragi has been fixed at Rs.2,300 per quintal and paddy, cotton and Bengal gram will fetch good prices. There are possibilities of prices going down among other crops. In this background, the Government has come forward to protect the interest of the farmers to see that they do not suffer losses."*
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> **—Dr. T.N. Prakash Kammardi**

Advance estimated price of 26 crops online on Jan.1

Mysuru, Dec.31- Agriculture Price Commission Chairman Dr. T.N. Prakash Kammardi, said that the advance estimated price for 26 crops for the year 2018 will be announced online on Jan.1.

He was addressing a press conference at the Government Guest House here on Dec.29 and said that the advance estimated price of paddy, ragi, groundnut, green gram, soya, avare (field beans), cotton, tomato, onion, mango, coconut, grapes, arecanut, ginger, cardamom and other items will be announced online six months in advance.

Scientific methods will be used and an agreement has been signed with Microsoft to use their software.

This software will read what was the price fixed earlier and what would be the price in the next six months, he said.

However, the prices will hold good only for those crops that are ready to be transported and the farmers can check the estimated price and sell their crops. In the next six months paddy, ragi, green gram, cotton will fetch good price but the prices of groundnut, pigeon pea, and corn is likely to come down, he said.

The assistance of six Universities have been sought for this exercise, where centres will be opened for the farmers and pamphlets containing the details will be distributed to them. However, all these information will also be available online in Kannada too, he said.

According to Dr. Kammardi, Karnataka was the first State in the Country to set up the Agriculture Price Commission and eight other States are following it. GST and demonetisation are the main reasons for the prices crashing. The traders are finding it difficult to save money. Hence, the Government has come forward to buy the crops, he said.

In 2015-16 the Government had purchased ragi at Rs. 2,300 per quintal, 32 lakh quintal green gram at Rs.5,500 per quintal, two lakh quintal of arecanut at Rs. 27,000 a quintal. Stress is also being laid on millets and organic farming, he said.

Man commits suicide

Mysuru, Dec.31- Depressed over his illness, a man committed suicide by hanging self in city.

The deceased has been identified as Vijay Shetty (40), a native of Nepal, who was working at a hotel in Vijayanagar here.

Vijay committed suicide by hanging self at Mysore University quarters here.

Saraswathipuram Police, who have registered a case in this regard, are investigating.

Obituary

Rev. Harry John

Mysuru, Dec.31- Rev. Harry John (87), a native of Anandapura in Kodagu and a resident of Rajiv Nagar in city, passed away yesterday at his residence.

He leaves behind a son, a daughter, grandchildren and a host of relatives and friends.

Rev. Harry John had served as the Pastor of Hardwick Church at Lakshmipuram here for 14 years, Pastor of Anandapura and Polibetta Church for 14 years and also served at Nanjangud, T. Narasipur and other Churches as a Pastor.

He was also the Founder of Mission to the Blind and had served as the Correspondent of Victoria School in Wesley Church premises.

The body of Rev. Harry John was kept at Hardwick Church, where a prayer was held and the body was donated to JSS Medical College as he had pledged his body 11 years ago.

A. Gopalachar

A. Gopalachar, President of Amarashilpi Jakanachari Vedike, Vishwakarma community leader and a resident of Kumbarakoppal, passed away on Friday at a private hospital. Son of late Annachary of Saragur, he leaves behind his wife, a son and a host of relatives and friends.

Last rites were performed at his native place Santhe Saragur in H.D. Kote taluk yesterday, according to family sources.

Saroja Parthasarathy

Saroja Parthasarathy (85), wife of late S. Parthasarathy, retired teacher at Sri Ramakrishna Vidyashala, Mysuru and a resident of Gokulam 1st Stage, passed away yesterday in city.

She leaves behind a son, two daughters and a host of relatives and friends.

VOICE OF THE READER

Ease traffic congestion on Bogadi Road

Sir,

Time and again I wrote about the traffic congestion on the Bogadi Road (down Harsha Bar) towards the four-lane crossing which serves as a link road to colleges, schools and offices. Day by day the traffic seems to be heavy with office buses, school buses, two-wheelers and four-wheelers plying recklessly.

There is no proper footpath for pedestrians to walk as it is all encroached. As a result, pedestrians are forced to walk on the road risking their lives.

At least if some barricades are installed in the corner, people might slow down their vehicles and it will helpful people to cross the road safely. Will the authorities do something about this?

—An aggrieved citizen

Bogadi 21.12.2017

No car parking facility at Rly. Station on CFTRI side

Sir,

Railway Station is a public place and providing parking facility for the commuters is the responsibility of the Railway authorities.

Unfortunately, there is no provision for car parking at Railway Station second gate (CFTRI side). They claim that the parking contract has been given to the highest bidder. Will the Railways check with the contractor if there is any place earmarked for car/scooter/cycle etc.?

—K. Raghunath

V.V. Mohalla

20.12.2017

Two-day *Bhavanotsava* concludes today

Musician Vid. B.S. Ramanujam lighting the lamp to inaugurate** Bhavanotsava **at Y.T. Thathachari auditorium in BVB premises in Vijayanagar yesterday as BVB Bengaluru Chairman N. Ramanuja, BVB Mysuru Chairman Prof. A.V. Narasimhamurthy and others look on.

Mysuru, Dec.31 (YDS&US)- A two-day 'Bhavanotsava-2017' marking the 130th birth anniversary of Bharatiya Vidya Bhavan (BVB) Founder Kulapati Dr. K.M. Munshi, organised by BVB Mysuru Kendra commenced last evening at Y.T. Thathachari auditorium in BVB premises in Vijayanagar here.

Inaugurating the programme, Vid. B.S. Ramanujam, Musician and former Economics faculty of Mahajana Degree College, recalled that Munshi aspired Indian art and culture to pervade across the globe which should be materialised with effort of everyone. He pointed out that artistes too are cultural ambassadors and added that every child performing at the programme could turn out as an outstanding artiste in future.

Continuing, Ramanujam regretted that many people learn an art to exhibit in reality shows only and expressed an apprehension that such a trend would be detrimental to the art itself. He hence advised parents to encourage their children to master the intricacies and nuances of an art which automatically brings fame and money.

He appealed Kalabharathi, the cultural wing of BVB, to offer certificate and diploma courses in performing arts with recognition of Music University emphasising that BVB certification carried value throughout the world.

The students later presented an array of cultural programmes.

Raghavendra Ratnakar and troupe presented devotional music.

BVB Bengaluru Chairman N. Ramanuja, BVB Mysuru Chairman Prof. A.V. Narasimhamurthy and others were present.

Provisional list of Lalithadripura site allottees gets approval

Mysuru, Dec. 31 (RK&DM)- The Mysuru Urban Development Authority (MUDA) has approved the provisional list of site allottees of Lalithadripura North Layout (2nd phase) in city.

This list got the approval at the MUDA meeting held at MUDA office hall on JLB Road here yesterday. MUDA Chairman D. Dhruvakumar presided over the meeting. The list, has the names of allottees of 580 sites of various dimensions. The MUDA has invited objections, if any, to the list within 15 days.

The meeting also decided to call for applications from eligible Associations, Organisations and Trusts for distribution of 85 CA (Civic Amenities) sites available in various localities of the city, for which the price is fixed at Rs. 2,100 per square metre. The site will be allotted on a 30-year lease-cum-sale deed as per norms. The other decisions taken included allotment of 19 acres and 20 guntas of land to the KSCA (Karnataka State Cricket Association) for construction of an international cricket stadium at Hanchya-Sathagalli 'B' layout for which the KSCA has to pay a minimum of Rs.16.5 crore, as the land value has risen over the years.

Also, it was decided to launch low-cost group housing scheme at available MUDA land in all localities. The housing scheme, which involve construction of eight-storeyed structures, is aimed at providing houses at an affordable cost to working classes, Safai Karmacharis and other economically weaker sections of the society. The MUDA engineer has been asked to come up with a blueprint and DPR for the implementation of the scheme.

MLAs G.T. Devegowda and Kalale Keshavamurthy, MLCs Marithibbegowda, K.T. Srikantegowda and K.V. Narayanagowda, MUDA Commissioner P.S. Kantharaju, Members Shivamallu and G. Somashekar, Town Planning Member B.N. Girish, SE B.K. Suresh Babu, EE Prabhakar and others were present.

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A Musical Memory...

By Girija Madhavan

Concerts from the archives of Doordarshan can be evocatively nostalgic. One afternoon I chanced upon a "National Programme" of Hindustani music of 1981, the photography in black and white. It featured the **late Pandit Amarnath,** the foremost disciple of Ustad Amir Khan of the Indore Gharana. When I lived in Delhi for a few years, I had learnt vocal music from him and addressed him as "Guruji."

Missing the initial announcement, I recognised Guruji's face on the TV screen and called out to my husband to watch the programme with me. Then I saw a woman playing the tamboora for the musician. I was startled. "Oh! Oh! That's a familiar face, I know this woman!" I thought. Then in a surreal flashback, I realised the woman was myself 36 years ago!

In that concert I was playing one of a pair of tamboo-ras of Guruji. Named "Ram" and "Lakshman," they were of smooth, honey-coloured wood with no ivory inlay or embellishment, producing a mesmersingly mellow and serene sound. **Ustad Faiyyaz Khan** was on the tabla. Guruji began the Vilambit Khayal in the Raga Jaijaiwanti.

When the letter from Doordarshan came to Guruji, I was in his class at Bharatiya Kala Kendra established by Shrimati Sumitra Charatram. He was explaining the Raga Jogkauns to his advanced pupils like Asha Jain [the niece of Shrimati Charatram] and the late Shanti Sharma.

Choosing the Ragas he would present, Guruji asked me to go to the DD Kendra in New Delhi's Parliament Street to inform the Director of his decision. The main Raga was to be Jaijaiwanti followed by Madhukauns. "I won't write this down," said Guruji, "Since your husband is called Madhu by his friends, you won't forget the name!" I met the Programme Director. "Panditji will sing the Ragas Jaijaiwanti and Jogkauns" I told him and hurried to get back home. Boarding the bus, something bothered me. "Jog? Jogkauns?" My memory suddenly "jogged" me. Scrambling off the bus, I went back to DD, just in time to correct the mistake I had made in the name of the Raga!

Girija Madhavan playing the tamboora at Pandit Amarnath's** (right) **Doordarshan Programme in 1981.

Pandit Amarnath was born in Jhang [now in Pakistan] in 1924. He escaped the trauma of partition, getting away to Delhi. He spoke of his memories of Ustad Amir Khan. There were no set times for lessons, it depended on the mood of the teacher. Once when Guruji was hard up, Amir Khan decided to teach him a composition in a new Raga. Caught with no notebook or paper with him, he wrote down the precious lesson on a ten rupee note. He could not cash the note to pay for his fare and had to walk a long way home!

Guruji composed a Ghazal for a film on Ghalib setting the poetry to music which he requested Ustad Amir Khan to sing. The Maestro demurred at first but rendered the song memorably. The lyric began with the words *"Rahiye ab aisi jagha chalkar jahan koyi na ho."* It can still be heard on YouTube.

Guruji also composed the music for a film named *"Garam Coat,"* an adaptation of a short story by Nikolai Gogol, *"The Overcoat."* It starred Nirupa Rai and Balraj Sahni. Lata Mangeshkar was the playback singer. Guruji recalled that she needed very little rehearsing and rendered songs perfectly, even making little improvements on the original composition. A message would come from her home, "Lataji is on her way." She would arrive in a white sari with light colours, the pallu covering the two braids she favoured, diamonds flashing in her ears. The orchestra being ready, recording would start with no delay. She once said that the song, *"Jogiya se preet kiye dukh hoye"* of *Garam Coat,* was one of her favourites. When the songs were recorded, Guruji took out his cheque book and asked her to name the amount. Lata said she would only take one rupee from him.

Guruji passed away in 1996. His daughter, Bindu Chawla, paid tribute with writings and TV presentations. Guruji's younger daughter, Gajra Kottary, is an author, known also for her screen play of the *"Balika Vadhu"* television series.

I no longer sing but am grateful to Guruji who taught me to value the beauty of music; I can now understand, enjoy and be moved by it.

'Mindful yoga can help troubled youth reduce risky behaviours'

Washington DC, Dec. 31- Practising mindfulness-based yoga can help young people, who are dealing with stressful situations like exposure to violence and family disruption, avoid turning to negative, risky behaviours, scientists say.

Researchers from the University of Cincinnati (UC) in the US looked at the link between stressful life events and an increase in substance abuse, risky sexual behaviours and delinquency in a diverse population of 18- to 24-year-old youths.

As part of a 10-year study, Jacinda Dariotis, a public health researcher at UC, spent 12 months focusing on early life stressors as a predictor of risky sexual behaviour, substance abuse and delinquency for more than 125 at-risk youths.

Dariotis found a small number of the youths were already engaging in constructive coping behaviours on their own that will have positive outcomes later in life.

The study revealed that in spite of early life stressors, positive coping behaviours, either learned or self-generated, can actually have a protective effect.

"We found that many of these youths who had endured stressful life events and otherwise would have fallen into the risky behaviour trap could actually have positive outcomes later in life because they chose to join in prosocial physical activities, yoga or mindfulness meditation," said Jacinda Dariotis.

"We took a holistic approach, looking at these issues from a social and biological perspective," she said.

Testosterone can be influential in dominance and aggressive behaviours, but if directed through prosocial behaviours like sports, yoga or healthy competition it can have very positive outcomes.

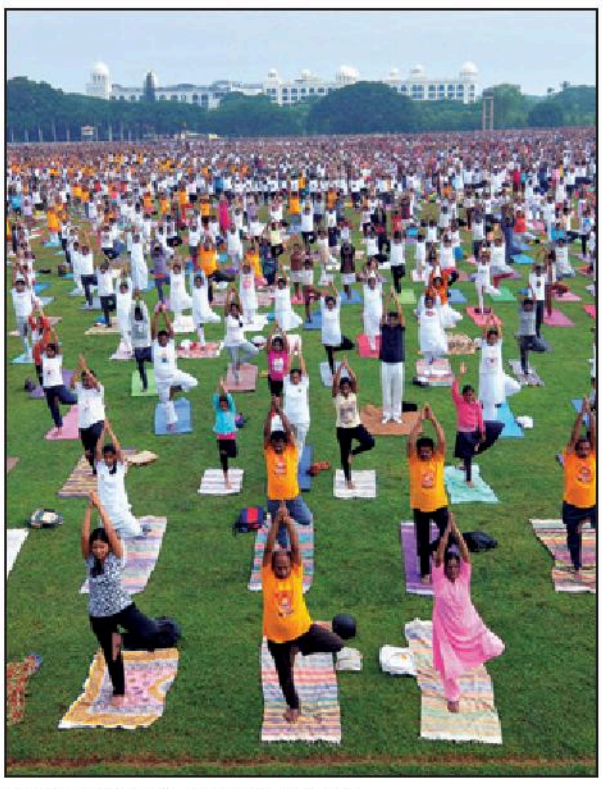
Dariotis found that at-risk youth who voluntarily spend their time reading books, playing sports or engaged in avoidance coping behaviours were twice as likely to avoid risky sexual behaviours or substance abuse.

An example of avoidance coping behaviours, she says, is not thinking about a bad event that had occurred and instead, thinking about what could be better.

Dariotis found youths who were unable to develop positive coping strategies were much more likely to turn to greater risk-taking behaviours that included unprotected sex or sex for money, substance abuse, violence and crime.

Participating in weekly mindful yoga intervention programmes as part of the study taught the youths how to take control of their breathing and their emotions and helped them develop healthier long-term coping skills.

"These findings highlight the importance of implementing positive coping strategies for at-risk youth particularly for reducing illicit drug use and risky sexual behaviour," said Jacinda Dariotis.



"Mindfulness-based yoga programmes designed to improve the ability to cope are needed at earlier ages in schools to help vulnerable youths channel their skills more effectively," she said.

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Silk is the New Fashion Statement

Models draped in silk dhoti and Mysore Silk Sarees walk the ramp during the fashion show held as part of Mysuru Open Street Festival, last evening on D. Devaraja Urs Road.

City Decked Up to Welcome New Year 2018

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The famed Karnataka and English Police Band will perform from 11 pm to midnight at the Palace premises. The Palace will again be illuminated at the stroke of midnight till 12.30 am to welcome the New Year.

From 11.55 pm to 12.15 am, soundless cracker display will be held. These fireworks will be launched from three places - the Jayamarthanda Gate and from two sides of the Palace so that the display will be spectacular. A team of six persons will coordinate the fireworks display and according to Palace Board officials, it will be a coordinated grand display which can even be witnessed from the parking place of Karnataka Exhibition Grounds in the backdrop of the Palace.

There will be a big screen that will be switched on at 11.30 pm to count the seconds as the New Year arrives. Two LED screens will be set up at the Palace Premises for the people to watch the fireworks display.

LIQUOR SALE

The District Excise Department has recorded a sale of 21,957 liquor boxes yesterday including Indian Made Foreign Liquor (IMFL) and beer. Each box contains 8.65 litres of liquor. The boxes have been lifted from Karnataka State Beverages Corporation warehouses at Hebbal, Bannimantap and at Hunsur. On a normal day, over 8,000 to 10,000 boxes are picked up from the warehouses.

Liquor sale has seen a sharp increase due to weekend and the arrival of New Year and by today evening, the department is expected to record a sale of more than 25,000 boxes, Deputy Commissioner (Excise) M. Roopa told *Star of Mysore*. There are over 465 liquor selling licence holders in the district including wine stores, CL-2 and CL-7, clubs and resorts, she added.

STRICT POLICE VIGIL

To prevent accidents during the celebrations, the Police have decided to keep a strict eye on drunk drivers. There will be special check posts across the city to catch recalcitrant drivers.

The Police Control Room at the Commissioner's office will monitor all the 44 CCTV cameras as installed at various junctions and over 25 Policemen will wear body-cameras and record the happenings. DCPs, ACPs, Inspectors, Sub-Inspectors and the constabulary have been asked to be on duty from 7 pm today till the morning of January 1, said Deputy Commissioner of Police (Crime and Traffic) Dr. Vikram V. Amathe.

Vehicle entry to Chamundi Hill has been banned from 9 pm and all the entry gates will be sealed by the Police with barricades. Only the vehicles belonging to the residents of Chamundi Hill will be permitted.

This year, the Police have also asked all city hotels and pubs to install CCTV cameras both within and outside the premises, note down the name and contact details of all guests who are part of the celebrations.

The Traffic Police have also appealed to bar owners and managers to discourage patrons who have consumed more than what is permitted under the Motor Vehicles Act from driving. They have been asked to arrange for taxis and drivers in such situation.

In coordination with local Police and PCR, special pickets will be placed at vulnerable locations to curb stunts by motorcycle riders, over-speeding, reckless driving, zigzag and dangerous driving.

Over 16.60 lakh traffic violation cases have been booked in 2017 and the Police have collected a fine amount of Rs. 8.31 crore (See box for other data).

ACCIDENT STATISTICS IN MYSURU

Year	Serious/ Fatal Accidents	Accidents Leading To Death	Non-Fatal Accidents
2015	124	131	716
2016	133	127	611
2017	127	114	651

CM likely to inaugurate Indira Canteens in city on Jan.11

Mysuru, Dec.31 (RK &DM)- Even though the State Government had set Jan.1, 2018 as the deadline to start 17 subsidised Canteens in the district, that included 11 in the city alone, people need to wait for some more time.

According to sources, if everything goes as per plan, Chief Minister Siddharamaiah will launch the Indira Canteens on Jan.11, when he visits the city to take part in a slew of programmes. But six canteens proposed in the Taluk headquarters are expected to take some more time. Meanwhile, the works on ten canteens in the city are completed and the works on the remaining one is expected to be completed by tomorrow (Jan.1) evening.

The 11 canteens sanctioned for the city, will come up at K.R Hospital premises, KSRTC bus stand, city Railway Station, CADA office on Sayyaji Rao Road, PKTB Sanatorium on KRS road, Dr. Rajkumar Road, N.R. Mohalla, Vidyaranyapuram, Azeez Sait Nagar, T. Narasipur Road junction and Jodi Tenginamara Road near Highway circle.

When contacted over phone this morning, MCC Commissioner G. Jagadeesha said that the works on ten of the 11 canteens in the city have been completed and the works on the remaining one will be completed by tomorrow evening. The tender for food supply to the Canteens has been finalised and the food contractor is from Bengaluru, who is serving to Indira Canteens in BBMP limits, he said and added that Chief Minister Siddharamaiah is likely to inaugurate the Canteens when he visits the city on Jan.11.

Deputy Commissioner D. Randeep speaking to *SOM*, said that the district administration has received only one tender for supply of food to the canteens. The formalities of the contract will be finalised in a day or two.

Swachh Bharat spirit

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Pramoda Wadiyar after launching the cleaning campaign and greeting the people of the city on New Year's eve, said that the District Administration and MCC was making a lot of efforts to see that the city regains the top spot in the country in this year's clean city contest, after slipping to the fifth spot. "However, if the people of the city also cooperate with the government in their drive, I am very confident that we will regain the top rank," she said.

Nearly 100 volunteers of Let's Do It Mysore with the help of Pourakarmikas who were also clad in white T-shirts presented to them by the NGO were involved in cleaning the 72-acre premises.

The people, who are coming in large numbers to witness the Winter Festival at the Mysore Palace, leave behind plastic bottles, papers and other materials at the cultural programmes in the evenings and the volunteers beginning with DC Randeep swept the place and collected the garbage.

Nearly two goods-auto loads of waste were gathered. DC Randeep urged the volunteers to create more awareness among the public regarding their participation by downloading Swachh Survekshan 2018 mobile app and give their feedback, as it fetches 1,400 marks that is earmarked for it.

There was a huge pile of garbage accumulated in the garbage bins, and DC and others cleaned even this. Mysore Palace Board Deputy Director T.S. Subramanya, Mysore Travel Association President B.S. Prashant, Corporator B.V. Manjunath and others participated.

Eye Camp
conducted in city

Mysuru, Dec. 31- Rotary Mysore conducted an eye camp in association with Mysore Race Club (MRC) Eye Hospital recently. Rtn.Chetan Vishwanath, Secretary, Rotary Mysore, Rtn. D. Ravishankar, Community Service, Rotary Mysore, G. Venkatesh, Chairman, MRC and G.K. Balakrishna, Chairman, MRC Eye Hospital, inaugurated the eye camp. 120 people screened out of which 40 have been admitted to the cataract operation.

Speaking ill of constitution is a disgrace to any individual: V. Sreenivasa Prasad

Sreenivasa Prasad

Mysuru, Dec. 31 (US&RKB)- "Constitution of India is one of the greatest achievements of Dr. B.R. Ambedkar and speaking ill of that valuable book is a disgrace to any individual" said former Minister and BJP leader V. Sreenivasa Prasad.

Addressing press persons at a private hotel in city yesterday, Prasad emphasised that party affiliation was not important when derogatory remarks were passed on the constitution or Ambedkar, referring to alleged remarks by former MLC G. Madhusudan, Union Minister Anant Kumar Hegde and Pejawar Seer Sri Vishwesha Theertha Swamiji on Indian Constitution.

Prasad recalled that Ambedkar and the constitution had an emotional bonding and ridiculed the claim of Anant Kumar Hegde to change the constitution which was next to impossible as constitutions could be only amended. He suggested the party higher ups to ask the leaders to refrain from passing such childish and irrational remarks. He said that tendering apology at the behest of party leaders was of no use. Similarly speaking in derogatory language on secularism by Hegde was demeaning, he said.

Referring to Pejawar Seer, Prasad said that out of the eight Mutts in Udupi, only Pejawar Seer was speaking ill of the constitution questioning the rationale behind that. When reporters questioned Prasad whether he would contest the Assembly polls from Nanjangud, Prasad said that he is penning a book which will be released shortly which would throw light on his political career. He claimed that Chief Minister Siddharamaiah cannot win from Chamundeshwari Constituency. Former MUDA Chairman K.R. Mohan Kumar, Former President of MCDCC Bank C. Basavegowda, Former MLC Siddaraju, Former MP Shivanna, Karnataka Pradesh Hotel owners Association President Rajendra and others were present.

Alleged harassment by husband, family

Gujarat woman returns home; Husband denies allegations

Mysuru, Dec. 31 (RK&KS) - A Gujarat woman, who fell in love with a man from Jayapura in the taluk, through *Facebook* and ran away from her father's house to get married with him, has alleged harassment from her husband and his family members. She has now been sent back to her father's place in Gujarat by Jayapura Police.

The woman has been identified as Nancy Joshi, daughter of Ashwin Bhai, a resident of Devabhoomi, Dwaraka district in Gujarat, while the man is identified as Faisal Ahmed of Jayapura.

Faisal and Nancy got themselves introduced about three years ago through *Facebook* and both are said to have fallen in love following which Nancy reportedly ran away from her house in Gujarat to Mysuru and got married to Faisal about six months ago.

After getting married, she began to stay in Faisal's house, where he and his mother allegedly began to force her to follow Muslim traditions and customs, besides forcing her to study Arabic, Quran and consume meat apart from harassing her physically.

Unable to bear the harassment, Nancy called her father over phone and explained her ordeal. Nancy's brother later came down to Mysuru and took her to Jayapura Police.

Meanwhile, Nancy is said to have told the Police that she was going back to her father's place. The Police helped her to travel to her native.

Faisal has denied that he tortured Nancy and told the Police that she had agreed to convert to Islam after marriage. However, no complaint has been lodged in this regard.

Shivaratreeshwara Nagar residents threaten to block Mysuru-Bengaluru Road

Mysuru, Dec.31- Residents of Shivarathreeshwara Nagar also known as Bannimantap 'B' Layout have threatened to block the Mysuru-Bengaluru Road on Jan.20 if the authorities failed to provide basic amenities.

Addressing a press conference at Pathrakartara Bhavan recently, Secretary of Shivaratreeshwara Nagara Residential Forum Syed Rahamath Ulla said that this area comes under Ward No. 45 and is more than 36 year-old layout. But the area is in a bad shape.

"The roads, stormwater and underground drains, street lamps and six parks, which resemble a mini forest with wild growths, are all in a pathetic condition. Despite repeated requests, the authorities have not done anything. Hence, we plan to stage a rasta roko on Jan. 20," he said.

He said the area looks like a revenue layout, as it is deprived of basic facilities, in spite of the residents paying property taxes, water and power bills.

Shivaratreeshwara Nagar was established 36 years ago when R. Gundu Rao was the Chief Minister. The ward now comes under the constituency of Primary and Secondary Education Minister Tanveer Sait. However, none of the elected representatives have bothered to take any steps to develop civic amenities in the area," he said.

According to the residents, it is one of the important layouts in the city, close to the entry point of the heritage city. Columbia Asia Hospital, JSS Medical and Dental Colleges and St. Philomena's College are all close by and many foreign students study in these colleges and live in the area.

"Woman and children find it very difficult to walk on the roads at night as it is dark, without proper streetlights. The parks have become dumping yards for garbage and sign boards are not installed with house numbers and crosses," he said. The residents charged that the Corporator of Ward 45 Pushpatvathi has never visited the ward after the Mysuru City Corporation elections.

They demanded that the Mysuru Urban Development Authority auction corner sites and use just 10 per cent of the revenue earned to develop the area.

Alleging dilution, officials close HPCL petrol bunk in Hebbal

Mysuru, Dec.31 (RK&US)- Bowing to continued protest by the public alleging that dilute petrol was being dispensed at Hindustan Petroleum Corporation Limited (HPCL) petrol bunk on Surya Bakery Road in Hebbal, officials of the Department of Food and Civil Supplies and HPCL got the Bunk closed last evening.

Dr. K. Rameshwarappa, Deputy Director, Department of Food and Civil Supplies, said that at the instance of the Deputy Commissioner, samples of petrol and diesel have been drawn from the bunk and sent for analysis.

He added that action would be initiated based on the report.

However, the bunk proprietor H.S. Nanadeesh Preetham, who is also a Corporator, told *SOM* that one of the tankers supplied by HPCL contained petrol blended with ethanol. He added that there was no scope to dilute petrol at the bunk as alleged.

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Teachers should employ simpler methods to teach mathematics: UoM Professor

Mysuru, Dec. 31- Stressing on the need for teachers to use simpler methods for teaching Mathematics, University of Mysore (UoM) Mathematics faculty Prof. S. Bhargav said that consistent thinking and efforts were needed to solve complex mathematical problems. He was speaking at a prog. organised by Karnataka Rajya Vignana Parishat, marking the International year of Mathematics 2017 at JSS High School, Lakshmipuram in city recently.

Noting that mathematics had to be learnt by applying logic, he called upon students to update their knowledge even as they put in efforts to excel in academics.

He observed that Ramanujam's innovations in mathematics has become important in building mathematical models.

Maintaining that learning mathematics is the best way to pay our

respects to scholar Ramanujam, he called for more research into Ramanujam's works.

Chief Guest R. Anantharamu said Science and Mathematics are two faces of the same coin.

Srimathi Hariprasad, who presided, said that there is no life without mathematics and added that Ramanujam's scholarly works has become the object of research in foreign countries. School Headmaster Channabasappa and others were present.

Training programmes by RUDSETI

Mysuru, Dec.31 (KS)- RUDSETI, Mysuru, will be conducting the following training programmes during January 2018: Photography & Videography (30 days); C.C. Camera Installation & Repairs (13-days); Sheep & Goat Rearing (10 days) and Fashion designing for women (30 days).

Interested candidates in the age group of 18 and 45 years belonging to Mysuru, Chamarajanagar and Mandya districts may apply.

For details, contact The Director, RUDSET Institute, Hinkal, Mysuru or call Ph: 0821-2519663 or Mob: 88845-54510.

New Years Resolutions

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Kodava Clan's 'Valaga' album released

Athlete Arjun Devaiah proud of Kodagu's unique culture, sports and literature

International athlete Arjun Devaiah seen with the Kodava Clan team that launched 'Valaga' album at Cresta School of Management, Science and Arts yesterday.

Mysuru, Dec.31 (SPN&NNN)- International athlete Arjun Devaiah said that a country, which does not have culture, family and its traditions would never prosper.

He was speaking at the launch of Kodava Clan's 'Valaga' a music and dance album on YouTube, at the Cresta School of Management, Science and Arts in city yesterday and said though Kodagu is a small district, it has a unique culture, known for its Generals and sportspersons, as also its distinct literature.

The people here are true patriots and one can learn from the history pages about our ancestors' achievements. The geographical beauty of Kodagu is well-known in the country and abroad. Whatever work the Kodava youth do, they do it very tidily. "The proof of this is the 'Valaga' dance that reflects Kodagu culture, which four or five Kodagu youth are introducing to the world through YouTube on the internet. This has brought me immense joy. Let this team reach greater heights," he said beaming.

"I studied in Kannada medium from first to seventh standard. Later, I was influenced by my brother and sister who were speaking fluently in English, to join the English medium in eighth standard and I learnt to speak in English, Hindi and Kannada. This helped me when I entered the athletic world. Hence, every youth should learn English and Hindi along with mother tongue," said Devaiah.

Student Bipin Bopanna's team has scored music for 'Valaga.' "Let all of us who have gathered here dance to the tune of Valaga, and enjoy the music," he said.

A few of the Kodavas including D. Ganapathy, Bipin Bopanna, Chetan V. Raj, Darshan Bharadwaj, Yoshada Naveen and Deekshat Subbaiah were present.

Kodavas dancing to the tune of 'Valaga'.

Niranthara Ranga Utsava concludes

*From left: **Theatre Director Deepak Mysore, critic Nataraj Huliyar, IT Commissioner Jayaram Rayapura and Niranthara President M.M. Suguna releasing 'Maatu Kathe,' the newsletter of Niranthara Foundation, during the valedictory of Niranthara Ranga Utsava-2017 at Vanaranga, Rangayana premises last evening. Picture right shows artistes of Abhinaya Taranga, Bengaluru, staging the play 'Mundana Kathana' on the occasion.***

Mysuru, Dec. 31 (US&SPN)- "For the sake of obtaining support money from the government for theatre, nobody should compromise on freedom of expression," opined writer and critic Nataraj Huliyar.

He was speaking at the valedictory of the five-day Niranthara Ranga Utsava-2017 at Vanaranga in Rangayana premises here last evening.

Nataraj Huliyar opined that undue compromise to receive funds from the Government would demean the critic value of theatre.

He added that it amounted to deliberately obscuring social problems.

Citing an example he said that bowing to pressure of the Government a play exclusively made on the life of Devaraja Urs for the Devaraja Urs birth centenary should not eventually turn out as a sponsored play.

Continuing, Nataraj Huliyar commended Mysuru for good support and encouragement for theatre. He recalled that during the 70s theatre focussed a lot on constructive criticism on politics which has totally faded now.

IT Commissioner Jayaram Rayapura, Niranthara Foundation President M.M. Suguna and others were present.

The play '*Mundana Kathana*' was also staged later.

MDFA 'B' Division Football

Nirmal shines in Easter FC's big win

Mysuru, Dec.31- Four strikes by right-out Nirmal (including a hat-trick) and a goal each by Ashutosh and Swalah enabled Easter FC to register a big 6-0 win over Youngmen FC in the Group 'A' league tie of the MDFA 'B' division league 2017-18 for the Govindaraju Memorial Trophy, played at the University Grounds here yesterday.

In the previous game on Friday, Cosmos FC registered a well-earned 3-1 win over Royal FC in their Group 'B' league tie.

Cosmos FC got off to a bright start in the first half with left-out Zafar scoring in the ninth minute of the game. Cosmos FC scored once again in the 15th minute through a solo effort by centre-forward Saqib in the 15th minute of the game. The lead was further increased by right-out Toufiq in the 35th minute for Cosmos FC. At half time Cosmos FC lead 3-0.

In the second half, Vijayakumar, the centre-forward of Royal FC, scored in the 65th minute to reduce the margin. The winner earned three points for this win.

SATURDAY'S RESULTS

Easter FC: 6 (Nirmal 8, 47, 59, 65, Ashutosh 49, Swalah 62) bt **Youngmen FC:** 0.

FRIDAY'S RESULTS

Cosmos FC: 3 (Zafar 9, Saqib 15, Toufiq 35) bt **Royal FC:** 1 (Vijaykumar 65).

Cricket team of University of Mysore

The cricket team of University of Mysore for 2017-18 which will be taking part in the South Zone Inter-University Cricket Tournament to be held at Vizag in Andhra Pradesh from Jan.3, 2018, is seen with Dr. Mansoor Ahmed (Coach), Dr. P. Krishniah (In-charge Director, Dept. of Physical Education, UoM) and Dr. Krishnakumar (Manager).

THIS Week

Upcoming Footballer: N. Naveen Kumar

Football is the most popular sport in the world sporting scene and has a large following across the globe. The game requires excellent skill, fitness from the individual player and as it is a team game, excellent co-ordination with fellow players is also must. Mysuru has been producing talented footballers from time to time who have gone on to play at different levels. One such player from city is **N. Naveen Kumar** of Citizen FC, who has done everyone proud by representing Karnataka State Sub-Junior (U-14) football team in the National Sub-Junior Football Championships (2017-18) held at Chandigarh in September 2017, and by being a part of the Karnataka team that won South Zone title. He is our *'Star This Week.'*

Fourteen-year-old Naveen, who plays as a midfielder and also as striker some times, impressed the State selectors with his impressive play and represented Karnataka in U-14 National Sub-Junior Football Championships 2017-18 held at Chandigarh, and gained valuable experience by being part of the team which lost to SAI, Gwalior 0-2, beat Madhya Pradesh 2-0, drew with Meghalaya 0-0 and lost to Delhi 0-2.

Karnataka emerged as the winners in the South Zone U-14 Sub-junior Championships 2017-18 held at Anantapur in September and Naveen played a important part in Karnataka's win. He played as a midfielder against Telangana which Karnataka won 4-0 and in the next match played a vital role in Karnataka's win over Tamil Nadu 6-3.

Naveen, encouraged and inspired by his cousin, took up to football at a young age of 9 years. He initially trained and learnt the basis of the game from Gururaj (South Western Railway), football coach at the University Football Grounds. Naveen improved his game by watching YouTube football coaching videos and spent more time in practicing at the University Grounds in the mornings and evenings.

N. Naveen Kumar

His talent was noticed by senior players like Shashwath, Dhanush and Abhilash, who guided him to take up to the game seriously by giving him the needed encouragement. Football coach Ramani at the University Football Grounds also guided him and asked him to go for the State U-14 selection trials.

Manjunath, Hon. Secretary of MDFA, seeing his talent sent Naveen to Bengaluru for U-14 state selection trials. Naveen impressed the State selectors with his talent and earned selection to the Karnataka State U-14 team for the South Zone U-14 tournament.

A ninth standard student of Vijaya Vittala Vidyashala, Mysuru, Naveen is the son of Narashima Murthy and Nagashree, residents of Vidyaranyapuram in Mysuru. He plays for Citizen XI in the MDFA 'B' division football league.

City's Mounted Police bag medals in Equestrian Championships

Mysuru, Dec.31- City's Mounted Police have excelled by winning a bronze medal in the quadrille competition in the 36th All India Police Equestrian Championship and Mounted Police Duty Meet 2017 held at Patna in Bihar recently.

Ramesh Rao Ghatke, Mallikarjunaswamy, Chandru and Sudharshan were part of the Mysuru Mounted Police team which won the bronze medal.

AITA 2.5 Lakh Men's Tennis

City's Prajwal Dev-Niskshep duo loses in finals

Thiruvananthapuram, Dec.31- Mysuru lad S.D. Prajwal Dev teaming up with Bengaluru's B.R. Nikshep, lost in the men's doubles finals to Mohit Mayur & Ojes Tejas of Tamil Nadu 3-6, 6-3, 8-10, in the AITA National level 2.5 lakh Men's Tennis Tournament at Thiruvananthapuram Tennis Club Courts, Thiruvananthapuram, Kerala, on Friday.

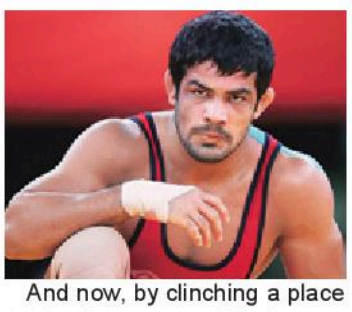
Earlier in the semi-finals, Prajwal Dev and Nikshep had beat the top-seeded pair of Shaikh Abdullah and Shaikh Osama of Telangana 6-3, 6-4 and sailed into the title round of the Tourney.

Sushil Kumar qualifies for 2018 Commonwealth Games

New Delhi, Dec.31- India's most decorated wrestler Sushil Kumar has qualified for the 2018 Commonwealth Games, which is scheduled to be held in Gold Coast, Australia between April 4 and 15, 2018.

Sushil beat Jitender Kumar in the 74 kg category in the final qualification round to seal a place at this year's competition.

Sushil has been in good form recently as he won the gold medal at Commonwealth Wrestling Championships in Johannesburg.



And now, by clinching a place at the Commonwealth Games, Sushil is back onto the international arena with a bang. He will now be eyeing a hat-trick at this year's games as he had won Gold Medals at Delhi 2010 and Glasgow 2014 respectively.

SPORTS EVENTS

CYCLING	
SCOTT MTB Mysuru 2018	
7.1.2018	Near Lalitha Mahal Palace Hotel
TENNIS	
KTPPA's U-18 AITA National CS Tennis Tourney	
8.1.2018 to 12.1.2018	at Mysore Tennis Club's Courts for U-18 boys and girls.
FOOTBALL	
MDFA 'B' Division Football League 2017-18	
31.12.17	Citizen FC Vs Panther FC
1.1.2018	Town SC Vs K R Mill FC
2.1.2018	Lion FC Vs Spirited Youth FC
3.1.2018	Soniya Fc Vs Youngmen's FC
4.1.2018	Royal FC Vs Citizen FC
5.1.2018	Easter FC Vs Town SC FC
6.1.2018	Panther FC Vs Lion FC at University Grounds

SPORTS QUIZ

1. What does the term BCCI stand for?
2. In which sport is the term 'Riposte' associated with?
3. The 'Indira Gandhi Gold Cup' is associated with which sport ?
4. Which are the two teams who have entered the Ranji Trophy finals?
5. Who is the Indian snooker player who has won his 30th National title with his triumph in the 7th National Red snooker championship ?

1. Board of Control for Cricket in India 2. Fencing 3. Hockey-Women's 4. Delhi and Vidharbha 5. Pankaj Advani

Feeding pigeons: Helping Hands celebrates third anniversary

Mysuru, Dec. 31 (KS)- Helping Hands' *Kabutar Daan*, a project for providing food grains to Pigeons in front of Kote Anjenayaswamy Temple at the North Gate of Mysore Palace, which was started on Jan. 1, 2015 is going a step forward by successfully completing three years of feeding pigeons tomorrow.

Inspired by a Hyderabad tourist, Rajan Baghmar and Anand Patwa of Helping Hands, began the project under 'Helping Hands Kabutar Daan Project.'

The project which began with just four members now has about 28 members, who feed the pigeons with food grains such as Bajara, Jower, Wheat, Fried Gram, Moong Dal etc., on all 365 days of the year braving all types of climate.

Birthdays, anniversaries and other occasions such as Independence Day, Republic Day, Gandhi Jayanti, Kannada Rajyotsava etc., are celebrated at the feeding venue with members Jambu Lodha, Sunil Patwa, Dinesh Bohra, Adesh Lodha and Vijay Bhora writing the names of the persons celebrating birthdays and names of festivals and other occasions with food grains.

About 200kg of food grains is fed to the pigeons by the organisation along with the members of the public, who too are feeding the pigeons daily in front of Kote Anjaneyaswamy Temple. Helping Hands have started feeding Kabutar (Pigeon) at City Stanik Bhavan in Halladakeri twice a week. The total requirement of food grains per month is nearly 7,000 kg and around 84,000 kg a year which cost about 18 lakh per year. The expenses is pooled in by the members and also through generous donations from the public.

Helping Hands has been awarded with 'Pride of Mysore' by Pragathi Prathistan and Kannada Kriya Vedike has honoured Helping Hands Kabutar Daan Project during Kannada Rajyotsava celebration.

Along with Kabutar Daan Project, Helping Hands is also involved in various social activities. They have adopted a Government School in Ittigegud where they are providing books and other stationary items, tables and chairs, uniforms to poor school children besides providing financial assistance to poor students to pursue higher education under 'Shiksa Project.'

The organisation is also undertaking eye screening camps, artificial limb distribution camps, heart and sugar check up camps regularly besides providing financial assistance for poor patients to undergo various surgeries.

Helping Hands thanking everyone for their support and has urged the public to join them in celebrating New Year by feeding pigeons in Kote Anjaneyaswamy Temple at 6.30 am tomorrow.

Netas responsible for setback to tourism: Hotelier P.V Giri

Siddartha Group of Hotels Chairman P.V. Giri** (fourth from left) **is seen releasing the MDJA 2018 Calendar & Diary at the MDJA Hall here yesterday. Prajapitha Brahma Kumaris Ishwariya Vishwa Vidyalaya Mysuru's Rajayogini BK Lakshmiji, former MLC B. Siddaraju, MDJA President C. K. Mahendra and Secretary K.J. Lokesh Babu are also seen.

Mysuru, Dec. 31 (RKB&DM)- Lack of will among political netas has hindered the growth of tourism industry in Mysuru region, opined Siddartha Group of Hotels Chairman P.V Giri.

Speaking after releasing the 2018 calender and Diary brought out by the Mysuru District Journalists Association (MDJA) at MDJA premises in Agrahara here yesterday, Giri said that local traders are being harassed by the authorities.

As traders and businessmen live in a sense of fear, the tourism industry in Mysuru region has taken a hit, he rued.

Noting that all fields are undergoing a transformation these days, he said that, however, he could not see any change in our political system, which is disappointing.

Office-bearers of Rotary Central

A.V. Sridhar

Prem Narayan

Mysuru, Dec.31- The new office-bearers of Rotary Central Mysore for the year 2018-2019:

President - Rtn. A.V. Sridhar; Imm. Past President - Rtn. B. Rajesh Darira; Vice-President - Rtn. K.S. Balaji Shetty; President elect - Rtn. Naveen Geroge D'Souza; Hon. Secretary - Rtn. S.A. Prem Narayan; Hon. Joint Secretary - Rtn. Anil Padaki; Hon. Treasurer - Rtn. M.D. Praveen Pal. Directors — Club Service: Rtn. B. Savitha Poovaiah; Community Service - Rtn. B. Sudhir Acharya; Vocational Service - Rtn. M.K. Harsha; International Service- Rtn. P. Mahendra Reddy; Youth Service - Rtn. Antony Moses; Sergeant-At-Arms - Rtn. N.Umesha; Editor: Rtn.S. Vijayendra.

Holy destination Bhagamandala environment stinking

Tourists polluting the sacred place, dumping leftovers and cooking by riverside

Bhagamandala, Dec.31- The holy destination popularly called as the Ganga of the South, nestled in the lap of the Cauvery River and with the blessings of Bhagandeshwara- Bhagamandala- today is no more the scenic beauty and the sacred place that it is known to be but instead the whole environment is stinking.

The hordes of tourists arriving here in the guise of devotees are destroying nature and causing harm to the air around the holy place. The tourists are found cleaning the vehicles in the vicinity of Sri Bhagandeshwara Temple, throwing waste, leftover plates and glasses into the river. This is not only affecting the environment but also polluting Cauvery river.

The tourists do not have even a semblance of care for environment protection. They use firewood, twigs and other materials to cook food by the side of the river, (which is a confluence of three rivers-Cauvery, Kannike and Sujyoti) and then throw leftover sambar and rice into the river.

Tourists who have left behind cooked food waste near Cauvery River banks at Bhagamandala. Picture right shows the waste dumped by the tourists at Bhagamandala.

As a result, the Triveni Sangam is polluted.

Bhagamandala is not only a holy place for Kodavas but there are people from all over the country, who visit the sacred place considered a pilgrim centre. However, people who come here to perform rituals for the dead are facing problems.

They have to take a bath after the rituals to wipe out the sins and accumulate virtues, instead if they take the holy dip then they have to carry many diseases.

The whole place is filled with filth and mountains of waste and the rice and sambar are found floating on the river. However, the Bhagamandala Gram Panchayat, which has to protect the environment, is interested in only levying and collecting fees from the tourists.

Do the environmentalists who fight for the cause of keeping the surroundings of Bhagamandala clean and those who are interested in gaining power at any cost not seeing the eyesore and the damage being caused to the holy river? Is it not an irony that we look helpless on the onslaught of the tourists' lack of concern and callous attitude of the powers-that-be for maintaining the environs?

Cauvery River is already declared a polluted river and one cannot drink the water without treating it. However, Kodagu Deputy Commissioner P.I Srividya, who is also the Chairperson of the District Muzrai Department said that she is aware of the problems at Bhagamandala and is viewing it very seriously.

"The cooking near the Triveni Sangam will be banned as a first step," she said. It is not only the responsibility of the Government but also of the citizens as they have to realise what are the dos and don'ts while visiting sacred places and their role in maintaining cleanliness. If the pollution of the places continues, the future generations will only curse us for disregard for environment.

A new-look JLB Road will be a joy to walk

This stretch will also have a dedicated cycle track

The neatly-laid interlocking tiles on the stretch between Metropole Circle and Ramaswamy Circle. Picture right shows the newly-asphalted road.

Mysuru, Dec.31 (RK&NNN)- Mysuru City Corporation (MCC) Commissioner G. Jagadeesha inspected the quality of the ongoing road development work from Metropole Circle (Field Marshal K.M. Cariappa Circle) to Ramaswamy Circle on Jhansi Rani Lakshmi Bai Road (JLB Road), here Friday.

The Rs. 5.5 crore work on the 3.6 km JLB Road stretch from Metropole Circle right up to where it joins the Nanjangud Road is going on at a brisk pace and it will be completed shortly.

This work is part of the Rs.50 crore road project under the Chief Minister's Special Fund for Main Road Development in Mysuru city.

Right now, the asphalting work on one side of the 900-metre stretch between Metropole Circle and Ramaswamy Circle is completed. The footpaths are getting a fresh look with interlocking tiles being laid. It also has cement concrete ducts, stormwater drains. Painting of the kerbs and other areas are simultaneously under progress.

Speaking to *Star of Mysore*, Jagadeesha said, "The road works are being done according to Indian Road Congress standards. I am personally inspecting the road quality using instruments. There will be no compromise on the quality of work. We are also checking the quality of work of the footpath, because we find that it sinks at some of the places, if the blocks are not laid properly."

Earlier, Urban Development Department Secretary Anjum Parvez had also inspected the work. Three contractors Krishnaraju, Suresh and Siddu have been assigned the work through tender process.

Cycle track

As India's first Public Bicycle Sharing system, Trin Trin, has popularised the use of bicycles in city, the 3.6 km stretch will also have a separate cycle track, just like on the Lalitha Mahal Palace Road. Some of the roads taken up under the CM's Special Fund includes Bogadi Road from Government Press, Vishwamanava Double Road from Kukkarahalli Lake to Ramakrishnanagar Circle, New Kantharaj Urs Road from Ballal Circle to Ring Road, Dasappa Circle to Vontikoppal Road junction on KRS Road, Mysuru-Bengaluru Road Toll Gate entrance through JSS Medical College up to Millennium Circle, Fountain Circle (near Gilani Petrol Bunk) through Ashoka Road up to Five Light Circle (near St. Philomena's Church) and MG Road from Law Courts to Nanjangud Road underpass, said MCC Assistant Engineer A.M. Manjunath.

Parents urged to send children to Government Schools

Hunsur, Dec.31- Calling upon parents to admit their children in Government schools, Hunsur-based VK Foundation President Vasanth Kumar said that the motto of any Foundation, Association or organisation should be service to the society.

He was speaking after distributing note books to school children of various government schools in the taluk at a programme organised here recently.

Explaining the objectives of the Foundation, Vasanth Kumar pointed out that teachers play a key role in shaping the future of children. Regretting the dwindling number of admissions in Government schools, he bemoaned that parents tend to fall prey to artificial outlook and propaganda of private schools.

Pointing out that many great personalities had studied in Government schools, he exhorted the parents to concentrate more on educating their children rather than making properties. Aragu Foundation's Manjunath and Naganna too spoke.

VK Foundation office-bearers Mahadevaswamy , Nagaraj, Ganesh, Eshwar and Paramesh, GP member Shivakumar and others were present.

National Consumer Day contest results

Mysuru, Dec. 31 (US)- The list of students who have won in various contests held as part of National Consumer Day has been announced.

Essay contest for PU Students: P. Pallavi (Vijaya Vittala PU College), V.R Sunitha (Devaraja Government PU College), J.B Chikkanna (Sarada Vilas PU College), Varalakshmi (Government Girls PU College, Nanjangud)

Debate contest for PU Students: B. Anusha (Marimallappa PU College), Arpita (Maharani PU College), Pooja M. Bhat (Banumaiah PU College), Shankar N. Athreya (Vijaya Vittala PU College).

Debate contest for High School Students: Mouna (Gangotri High School), C. Manu (Adarsha Vidyalaya), Kusuma Bai (Kanakagiri Government High School), Rajashekar (Hinkal Government High School).

Essay contest for High School Students: K. Ratna (Vinayakanagar Government High School), Madhusri (Yadavagiri Government High School), P.M. Monica (Gangotri Public High School), V. Dimple (Kuvempunagar Government High School (Consolation Prize).

ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ಸರ್ಕಾರ

(ಜಲಸಂಪನ್ಮೂಲ ಇಲಾಖೆ)

ಕಾರ್ಯಪಾಲಕ ಇಂಜಿನಿಯರ್‌ರವರ ಕಚೇರಿ ನಂ.1, ನೀರಾವರಿ ತನಿಖಾ ವಿಭಾಗ, ಕಾವೇರಿ ಭವನ ಸಂಕೀರ್ಣ, ಗೋಕುಲಂ, 4ನೇ ಹಂತ, ಮೈಸೂರು–20

ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಪ್ರಕಟಣೆ ಸಂಖ್ಯೆ: 17/2017–18 ದಿನಾಂಕ: 26.12.2017

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Sl.No.	Name of work	E.M.D
1	Supply of SSRG CLOCK and SYPHON UNIT for SSRG Hydro-meterological instrument	6,100
2	Supply of spare parts of Hydro-meterological instruments	3,900

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Annual Day at Schools, Colleges

ANANTHA GEETHA VIDYALAYA: Anantha Geetha Vidyalaya celebrated its Annual Day at Jaganmohana Palace recently. Resplendent with colour and fervour, the celebration saw a wide range of talents by the students. Prizes were given away for outstanding performance in State-level sports and other activities. School President Venugopal Kallur, Hon. Secretary A.R. Geetha and Vidyalaya Director Manjula Kallur, staff and students were present.

MOUNT LITERA ZEE SCHOOL (MLZS): MLZS-Mysuru celebrated its 5th Annual Day 'Samskritotsava' at the Quadrangle in the MLZS premises recently. Swami Maheshatmanandaji, Correspondent of Sri Ramakrishna Institute of Moral and Spiritual Education (RIMSE) was the chief guest. MLZS Chairman Dr. Joseph Thomas presided over the function. Nearly 500 students performed in the cultural extravaganza.

SRI RAMAKRISHNA VIDYASHALA: Sri Ramakrishna Vidyashala, Mysuru, celebrated its 65th College Day in a colourful programme held in the Vidyashala stadium. A.S. Kiran Kumar, Chairman, Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO), Bengaluru, presided over the function which included field display by students. March-past, band display, Gymnastics, Parallel bar exercises, etc., to the accompaniment of band tunes played by the school band.

The cultural programme, which took place at the open-air theatre in the same campus had a variety of items such as group-dance, group song and a short play in Kannada 'Shraddhamurthy Nachiketa.'

On this occasion, ISRO had organised a exhibition based on the theme "India's Space Odyssey" in the Vidyashala campus.

During the function, students belonging to various schools of Mysuru city received prizes of Rev. Swami Shambhavanandaji Memorial General Knowledge Competition held in the month of November.

Swami Atmajnanandaji, President, Sri Ramakrishna Ashrama, presided over the function. Swami Yukteshanandaji, Correspondent of the Vidyashala, introduced the chief guest and welcomed the gathering. Principal S. Balaji proposed a vote of thanks.

JNANODAYA PU COLLEGE: Jnanodaya Pre-University College, Saraswathipuram, had organised its 6th Annual Day.

Guruseva Dhureena, Padmashree Dr. V.R. Gowrishankar, Administrative Officer and CEO of Shree Sringeri Sharada Peetam, presided over the function. He advised the students to develop moral values and not to limit themselves only to acquire degree in Medicine and Engineering.

C.V. Gopinath, Additional Chief Secretary, Government of India, was the chief guest. In his valedictory address, he gave a call to the students to understand and utilise the scientific aspects, which is in our culture. Different countries of the world are using these, but Indians themselves are ignoring them, he regretted.

On this occasion, the College Development Council felicitated the toppers of the PUC exams-2017 and also the students who got good ranking in CET and JEE Mains by giving them cash awards.

Endowment cash awards instituted by Dr. K.S. Chandrashekar, retd. Professor of Mathematics, NIE, were given to the toppers in Mathematics of II PU Exam-2017.

The merit-cum-poverty scholarship instituted by Sri Sringeri Sharada Peetam was distributed among sixteen students, by Dr. V.R. Gowrishankar, President of Jnanodaya PU College Management Council.

This was followed by cultural extravaganza. The main attraction of the event was the dance-drama 'Sri Krishna Vaibhavam.'

Treasurer H. Ramachandra, Secretary S.K. Bhaskar, Joint Secretary Dr. T.S. Sathyanarayana Rao, Members G. Ravishankar, Prakash Lalchand and College Principal T.S. Srikanta Sharma were on the dais.

POLICE PUBLIC SCHOOL: The 9th Annual Day of Police Public School, Jalapuri, in city was celebrated at the KPA Auditorium recently with junior and senior sections respectively.

The event was inaugurated by Vipul Kumar, IGP (Southern Range), Mysuru and Hon. President, KSPW&E Trust, Ravi D. Channannavar, SP, Mysuru and Secretary, KSPW&E Trust, Mysuru, G. Jagadeesha, Commissioner, Mysuru City Corporation (MCC) and H. Kushi, International Yoga exponent, Rennie Joseph Mendonce, Principal, Deena Uthappa, Vice-Principal.

Addressing the gathering, Vipul Kumar briefed the teachers and parents about the role to be played in shaping their wards' career. He also stressed on the importance of discipline in everyone's life.

Ravi D. Channannavar mentioned the role of a mother in inculcating the moral values by telling bed-time stories, the practice which has completely faded.

Jagadeesha presented before the gathering a sketch on Swachha Mysuru and he also requested the teachers to explore each student's talent.

Kushi, who is also an Ambassador for Swachh Mysuru Abhiyan, presented the importance of cleanliness of surroundings. She also motivated the audience by mentioning the importance of yoga for a better life.

Principal Rennie Joseph Mendonce presented the School Annual Report while Deena Uthappa presented the report of Nursery and Primary classes.

VISHWAPRAJNA NURSERY, PRIMARY & HIGH SCHOOL: ***P.S. Kantharaju, Commissioner, Mysuru Urban Development Authority (MUDA), is seen lighting the lamp during the inauguration of the 21st Annual Day celebration of Vishwaprajna Nursery, Primary and High School held at P.K.V. Acharya Sabha Bhavana recently. Others seen are*** *(from left)* ***M.N. Krishna Swamy, T. Nagraju, P.V. Nagesh, Vishwanath Sheshachala, Y.N. Shankare Gowda, B.K. Suresh Babu, R.K. Raju and P.V. Devaraya Mallya.***

NOW SHOWING

Movie	Theatre	Phone	Shows
KANNADA			
Anjani Putra	Saraswathi	2541451	4 Shows
	Woodlands	2422871	4 Shows
	Mahadeshwara	9900820093	4 Shows
	Lakshmi	2443584	4 Shows
Chamak	Gayathri	2443568	4 Shows
	Sterling	2481170	4 Shows
	Lido	2420885	4 Shows
Mufti	Shanthala	2427584	4 Shows
	Sangam	2520494	4 Shows
	Skyline	2481170	4 Shows
	Thibbadevi	2452958	4 Shows
O Prema Devathe	Uma	2520009	4 Shows
HINDI			
Haunted Resort	Olympia	2420737	4 Shows
Tiger Zinda Hai	Sri Nagaraj	2520490	4 Shows
	Balaji Deluxe	2497199	4 Shows
	Rajkamal	2423554	4 Shows
TAMIL			
Sakka Podu Podu Raja	Prabha	2423569	4 Shows
Velaikkaran	Padma	2521923	4 Shows

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Jumanji: Welcome to the Jungle (E-3D)

	(S-1)	11.00 am, 9.50 pm
	(S-2)	7.15 pm
Anjani Putra (K)	(S-1)	1.30 pm, 4.15 pm, 7
The Greatest Showman (E)	(S-2)	11.00 am, 9.55 pm
Balloon (Ta)	(S-2)	1.10 pm
MCA (Middle Class Abbayi) (Te)	(S-2)	4.00 pm
Chamak (K)	(S-3)	10.30 am, 4.10 pm, 7
Velaikkaran (Ta)	(S-3)	1.15 pm
Okka Kshanam (Te)	(S-3)	9.50 pm
Tiger Zinda Hai (H)	(S-4)	10 am, 1 pm, 4 pm
		7.00 pm, 9.55 pm

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Anjani Putra (K)	(S-2)	1.05 pm, 4 pm, 6.50 pm
Tiger Zinda Hai (H)	(S-1)	12.25 pm, 6.20 pm
	(S-2)	9.45 am, 9.45 pm
	(S-4)	3.50 pm
Jumanji: Welcome to the Jungle (E-3D)		
	(S-1)	10 am, 3.50 pm, 9.40 pm
Chamak (K)	(S-3)	10 am, 1.00 pm, 6.45 pm
MCA (Middle Class Abbayi) (Te)	(S-3)	9.50 pm
The Greatest Showman (E)	(S-4)	10.25 am, 7.10 pm
Hello (Te)	(S-3)	4.00 pm
Balloon (Ta)	(S-4)	12.45 pm
Velaikkaran (Ta)	(S-4)	9.30 pm

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EVENTS TODAY (DEC.31)

Handloom and Textiles Department and JSS Mysuru Urban Haat: Exhibition-sum-Sale of pure handloom products from weavers across the country, JSS Mysuru Urban Haat, Ring Road, Hebbal Industrial Area, **up to 9 pm.**

Sri Kuvempu Vidyavardhaka Trust and Dejagow Trust: Rashtrakavi Kuvempu's 114th birth anniversary and Vishwamanava Day celebrations, conferring of 'Vishwamanava Award-2017' on Kuvempu's daughter and writer Tarini Chidananda Gowda, 'Savithramma Dejagow Award-2017' on Farmer activist K.H. Nandini Jayaram and 'Late H.K. Veerannagowda Journalism Award' on Udaya TV Reporter Dr. N. Jagadish Koppa, Sri Kuvempu Vidyavardhaka Trust President Dr. J. Shashidhara Prasad presides, Sri Kuvempu Rangamandira, Sri Kuvempu Vidyavardhaka Trust, Jayalakshmipuram, **4 pm.**

Bharatiya Vidya Bhavan (BVB), Mysuru Kendra: Valedictory of 'Bhavanotsava-2017' marking BVB Founder Kulapati Dr. K.M. Munshi's 130th birth anniversary, retired MMC&RI faculty and renowned Musician Vid. Dr. S. Vijayaraghavan chief guest, BVB Mysuru Treasurer Dr. A.T. Bhashyam presides, invocation by Kalabharathi students, Tabla recital by Vid. Ramesh Dhannur, Bharatanatyam by Kalabharathi students, Hindustani recital, Karnatak music, Hindustani recital by Vid. Prabhu Rao, Y.T. Thathachari auditorium, Vijayanagar 1st Stage, **5.30 pm.**

Sri Andal Mandiram Trust: Dhanurmasa puja, discourse on 'Thiruppavai' by Dr. G.V. Narasimhan, Mandiram premises, V.V. Puram, **5.30 pm to 7 pm.**

Hebbar Srivaishnava Upasabha, Sri Goda Govinda Seva Samiti and Sri Vaishnava Sabha: 'Tiruppavai Kaalakshepa' (Sri Godopanishath) programme, discourse by Vidu. Janaki Sheshadri, Sri Vaishnava Sabha, Kantharaj Urs Road, Saraswathipuram, **5.30 pm to 7 pm.**

Chintana Rangapeetha, Kalasandesha Pratishtana and Kannada & Culture Department: Rangaaradhana-2017, staging of play 'Saayo Aata,' Sri Nadabrahma Sangeetha Sabha, JLB Road, **6 pm.**

Sri Ramakrishna Ashrama: Swami Atmajnanandaji speaks on 'Viveka Choodamani,' Ashrama premises, Yadavagiri, **6 pm.**

Sri Vedavidya Prasarini Sabha: Sampurna Srimadramayana Discourse Series by Dr. K.S. Narayanacharya, Sarada Vilas College Centenary Hall, Krishnamurthypuram, **6.15 pm to 8.15 pm.**

Sri Mahajana Sabha, Krishnamurthypuram Sri Rama Mandira, Mysuru and The Hebbar Vaishnava Upasabha, K.R. Vanam: Tirupavai Discourse by Vid. Shelvanarayana, Melukote, Krishnamurthypuram Sri Rama Mandira, Kantharaja Urs Road, **6.30 pm to 8 pm.**

Rangayana: Staging of play 'Shikhari,' Bhoomigeeta, Rangayana premises, **6.30 pm.**

Sri Venugopalaswamy Temple: Discourse on 'Thiruppavai' by Dr. G.V. Narasimhan, Temple premises, Tyagaraja Road, K.R. Mohalla, **7 pm.**

EVENTS TOMORROW (JAN.1)

Girls Government PU College, Chamaraja Double Road: Valedictory of 2017-18 Sports and Cultural Activities, MLA M.K. Somashekar inaugurates, valedictory address by Kannada Sahitya Parishat Mysuru President Y.D. Rajanna, Jaganmohan Palace, **9.30 am.**

National Testing Service-India (NTS-I) of Central Institute of Indian Languages (CIIL): Inauguration of five-day training-cum-workshop on Testing and Evaluation and Question Item Writing for the newly-recruited Assistant Professors of Kannada, Department of Collegiate Education, Government of Karnataka, Prof. H.M. Maheshwaraiah, Vice-Chancellor, Central University of Karnataka, Kalaburagi, inaugurates, Prof. D.G. Rao, Director, CIIL, presides, CIIL, Mysuru, **10 am.**

Computer Science Division, National Institute of Engineering (NIE) and The National Institute of Technical Teachers Training and Research (NITTTR), Chennai: Inauguration of TEQIP-II sponsored week-long programme on 'Instructional Design and Delivery' by Dr. B.M. Subraya, ex-Vice President, Dean and Head, Global Education Centre (GEC), Infosys Technologies, Mysuru, Dr. G. Ravi, Principal, NIE - Mysuru, presides, Bharat Ratna Sarvepalli Radhakrishnan Seminar Hall, NIE Administrative Block, **10 am.**

NIE-IT and NITTTR: Inauguration of week-long FDP on 'Instructional Design and Delivery,' NIE Group of Institutions Director S.L. Ramachandra chief guest, NIE Group of Institutions Hon. Secretary G.S. Ramachandra presides, auditorium, NIE-IT, **10 am.**

Handloom and Textiles Department and JSS Mysuru Urban Haat: Exhibition-sum-Sale of pure handloom products from weavers across the country, JSS Mysuru Urban Haat, Ring Road, Hebbal Industrial Area, **10 am to 9 pm.**

Elder Citizen's Council: Talk on 'Pranayama' by psychologist Devaki Mahadevan, Council premises, Jayalakshmipuram, **5.30 pm.**

Sri Andal Mandiram Trust: Dhanurmasa puja, discourse on 'Thiruppavai' by Dr. G.V. Narasimhan, Mandiram premises, V.V. Puram, **5.30 pm to 7 pm.**

Hebbar Srivaishnava Upasabha, Sri Goda Govinda Seva Samiti and Sri Vaishnava Sabha: 'Tiruppavai Kaalakshepa' (Sri Godopanishath) programme, discourse by Vidu. Janaki Sheshadri, Sri Vaishnava Sabha, Kantharaj Urs Road, Saraswathipuram, **5.30 pm to 7 pm.**

Suttur Mutt, Mysuru: Monthly moonlight music, Karnatak vocal music concert by Thrissur Brothers — Srikrishna Mohan and Ramkumar Mohan — accompanied by Vid. Thrissur Mohan on mridanga and Vidwan Kovai Suresh on ghata, Suttur Seer Sri Shivarathri Deshikendra Swamiji graces the occasion, Mutt premises, foot of Chamundi Hill, **6 pm.**

Arasu Mandali Sangha: Birth anniversary of renowned writer Chaduranga (Subramanya Raje Urs), Dr. Damayanti inaugurates, retd. Kuvempu Bhasha Bharati President Dr. Pradhan Gurudutt chief guest, Nalwadi Krishnaraja Wadiyar Community Hall, **6 pm.**

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Dec.31

Mysuru District Administration, Mysore Palace Board and Horticulture Department: Flower Show, **10 am to 12.30 am (midnight);** Palace Illumination, **7 pm to 8.30 pm;** Performance by Police Band, Palace premises, **11 pm to 12 am (midnight);** Palace Illumination to mark New Year celebrations, **12 am to 12.30 am;** Display of fireworks, **11.55 pm to 12.15 am.**

Horticulture Department: Musical Fountain at Kuppanna Park, **7 pm to 8.30 pm.**

Jan.1

Mysuru District Administration, Mysore Palace Board and Horticulture Department: Flower Show, **10 am to 9 pm;** Display of Dolls at Bombe Mane and Photography Expo, **10 am to 8.30 pm;** Valedictory of Flower Show and illumination, Mysore Palace premises, **7 pm to 9 pm.**

Horticulture Department: Musical Fountain at Kuppanna Park, **7 pm to 8.30 pm.**

Geethanjali Performing Arts Centre releases CD 'Naivedya'

Mysuru, Dec.31 (US)- Geethanjali Performing Arts Centre, Mysuru, had organised a function at Dhvanyaloka on Bogadi Road here recently for the release of a CD titled *'Naivedya'* brought out by the centre containing songs of Nobel Laureate Rabindranath Tagore.

The CD was released by Hindustani singer Pandit Veerabhadraiah Hiremath. Presiding over, Sarod Maestro Pandit Rajeev Taranath recalled Tagore's contribution to music and literature.

Sugama Sangeetha singer H.R Leelavathi was the chief guest. Danseuse Dr. Kripa Phadke, Somanath Dutta and Aloka Dutta of the Centre were present.

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